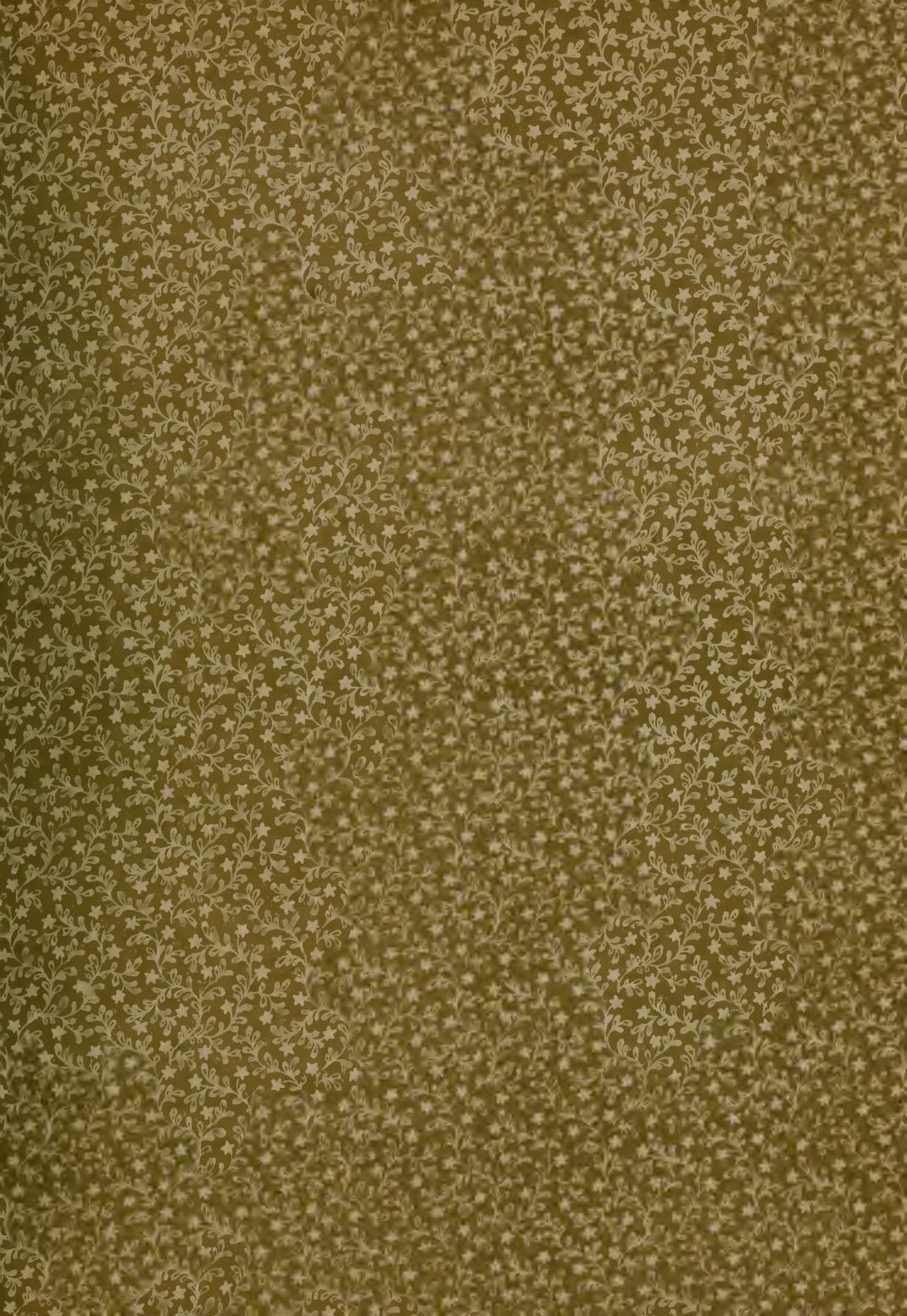


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To

WALTER WOOD ADAMS:

My Dear Son: I have for several years, as you are aware, devoted a considerable portion of my leisure time to the investigation of the genealogical history of our branch of "The Adams Family," and I now present to you, in the following pages, the result of my labors in that direction. While I am not vain enough to claim that this history is absolutely free from errors, yet this much I will assert, that nothing has found a place therein, as an accepted fact, which has not been subjected to the closest scrutiny as to its accuracy, and which is not sustained by the most approved authorities on the subject; and that if any mistakes have been made they are not material, and nowise affect the integrity of the lineal chain.

Quite a number of works, having for their object the imparting of genealogical information concerning early New England families, have been published, and from time to time histories of several of the various branches of “*The Adams Family*” have been prepared by members thereof, and printed for private circulation. From both of these sources, as well as from town, law, church, and family records, and from personal interviews with aged members of the family, I have sought information which, when found to suit my requirements, I have freely used.

In January, 1853, there was published in the “*New England Historical and Genealogical Register*,” vol. vii. pp. 39, 40, a Pedigree of the Adams Family of Braintree, Mass., by which it appeared that Henry Adams,¹ our immigrant ancestor in 1634, was descended from *Ap Adam* of Wales, father of Lord John *Ap Adam*, who was summoned to Parliament, as a Baron of the Realm, from 1296 to 1307.

This pedigree has been the subject of controversy among genealogists, both in this country and in England, and was formerly regarded as authentic by excellent authority. At present, however, genealogical opinion refuses its sanction to so much of it as connects Henry¹ of Braintree with the twelfth generation of the *Ap Adam* lineage. What opinion may hereafter prevail cannot now be determined, and I, therefore, with this brief reference and without comment, leave this matter, which has been and may yet be the subject

of inquiry and speculation, to those interested in Adams genealogy.

Beginning with Henry Adams,¹ I have succeeded in tracing the line of our descent from him by an unbroken chain.

I wish here to acknowledge my great obligation to Mr. Nelson D. Adams, of Washington, D. C., for counsel and assistance furnished me throughout the progress of my investigation, for without his help, always cheerfully afforded, to solve many of the knotty and perplexing questions that time and again have been presented, my work would not so soon have been accomplished, if, indeed, I could ever have finished it. This Mr. Adams is a gentleman highly respected as an authority in all matters pertaining to Adams genealogy, and has in course of preparation a general genealogical "Record of the Adams Family of America," which he hopes to complete and publish at no very distant day.

In conclusion, I will only add that I have experienced much pleasure in the preparation of this record, and hope that you and such others as are interested in its contents will derive an equal amount from its perusal.

Your affectionate father,

JOHN H. ADAMS.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., FEBRUARY, 1886.



GENEALOGY

OF

OUR BRANCH OF THE ADAMS FAMILY,

AS DEDUCED FROM HENRY ADAMS,¹ OF BRAINTREE, MASS.

I. HENRY ADAMS.¹

HENRY ADAMS¹ was the first settler of our line in this country. He came from England to America about 1634 with his wife, eight sons, and one daughter, and settled at Mount Wollaston (subsequently named Braintree, now Quincy), Massachusetts. Here, on February 24, 1639-40, the town of Boston granted him forty acres of land for the ten persons then composing his family, and he continued to live there until his death. He

* See Appendix, Note I.

probably died October 6, 1646, as it appears by the town records that he was buried October 8, 1646. From what place in England he emigrated is somewhat problematical. The inscription placed upon the column erected to his memory by his great-great-grandson, John Adams, second President of the United States, reads as follows :

“In memory of Henry Adams, who took his flight from the Dragon persecution, in Devonshire in England, and alighted with eight sons near Mt. Wollaston. One of the sons returned to England; and, after taking time to explore the country, four removed to Medfield and the neighboring towns, and two to Chelmsford. One only, Joseph, who lies here at his left hand, remained here, who was an original proprietor in the township of Braintree, incorporated 1639.

“This stone and several others have been placed in this yard by a great-great-grandson, from a veneration of the piety, humility, simplicity, prudence, patience, temperance, frugality, industry, and perseverance of his ancestors, in hopes of recommending an imitation of their virtues to their posterity.”

The later and more approved opinion, however, and the one entertained by John Quincy Adams, is that he came, with others, his fellow-settlers, from Braintree, Essex County, England. He left a will, probated at Boston, June 8, 1647, in which mention is made of five of his sons, his wife (whose name is not stated), and his only daughter Ursula. An abstract of this will may

be seen in the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, vol. vii. page 35.*

It is believed that the widow and daughter returned to England, accompanied by the son John,² shortly after the death of Henry,¹ and that they (the mother and daughter) never returned to America, as no trace of them can be found since the death of Henry.¹ John,²

* Abstract of the Will of Henry Adams, of Braintree, Mass., copied from the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*:

“First, my will is, that my sonne *Peter* and *John*, and my dau. *Vrsula*, shall have the ground in the Neck, both vpland and meddow, during the terme I was to enjoy it, vntil it returne into the townes hands againe from whom I had it. Also the Aker in the Mill fields. My will is, that my bookes shall be divided amongst all my Children; that my wife shall have and Enjoy all my other Goods so Longe as shee liveth vnmarried. And if she marry, then my will is y^t *Joseph*, *Edward*, and my dau. *Vrsula*, should enjoy all my ground in the field that lyeth in the way to Waymouth ferry, and my house Lott, with all the houses and fruit trees, and all my moveables, at the death or marriage of my wife; Provided, they and their mother shall pay to my sonne *Samuel* that w^{ch} is due to him for the ground I bought of him, to be payd in Convenient tyme. But in case God should soe deal wth my wife that she be constrainyd to make vse of something by way of Sale shee may.

finally, for moveables, my will is, that my sonne *Peter* and *John* shall have an equall share with my sonne *Joseph* and *Edward*, and my dau. *Vrsula*.

Beniamin All be
Richard Brackett.”

8. 4. 1647.

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however, married his wife, Ann, in England, and had a daughter born there, returned to America about 1650, and settled in Concord, Mass.

CHILDREN OF HENRY.¹

I. HENRY,² born in England, —, 1604; married, November 17, 1643, Elizabeth, daughter of Moses Paine, of Braintree; had Eleazer,³ born August 5, 1644; Jasper,³ born June 23, 1647; removed to that part of Dedham which afterward became Medfield, of which place he was the first Town Clerk; there had Elizabeth,³ born November 11, 1649; John³ and Henry,³ twins, born July 14, 1652; Moses,³ born October 26, 1654; Henry³ again, born Nov. 19, 1657; and Samuel,³ born December 10, 1661, who died young. He was a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston in 1652; Representative in the General Court, 1659, 1665, 1674-5; was Lieutenant of the town of Medfield, and at the time of the burning and destruction of that settlement by the Indians under King Philip, on Monday morning, February 21, 1676, was shot down at his own door-step.

His wife fled to the minister's house for protection. She was mortally wounded the same night by the accidental discharge of a gun, and died, as a result, three days after.

2. THOMAS,² born in England, —, 1612. (See No. II.)

3. SAMUEL,² born in England, —, 1617; resided at Concord and Charlestown; admitted freeman, May 10, 1643; married Rebecca, daughter of Thomas Graves; had Samuel,³ born July 3, 1647; Rebecca,³ Thomas,³ born —, 1652; John³ and Catharine,³ born October 29, 1657, who both died young; and Catharine³ again, born January 4, 1659. In 1656 he was granted four hundred and fifty acres of land in Chelmsford, settled there, and was Town Clerk in 1659. His wife died October 8, 1664, and he married, May 7, 1668, Esther, daughter of Nathaniel Sparhawk, of Cambridge, and by her had four more children, Nathaniel,³ Joseph,³ Benjamin,³ and Esther,³ who are named in the will of their elder brother, Thomas.

In 1661 he built a mill at Chelmsford, which remained in the possession of his descendants for nearly two hundred years. He was a captain in "Philip's war." He died January 24, 1688-9, aged 72, and was buried in Charlestown.

4. JONATHAN,² born in England, —, 1619; married, first, Elizabeth, second, Mary; had sons Jasper,³ of Medway, and Jonathan,³ of Medway; settled in Medfield, and died in 1690, aged 71.

5. PETER,² born in England, —, 1622; admitted freeman, 1650; married Rachel —; had Peter,³ born

July 20, 1653, a physician at Medway; Hannah,³ born 1658; Mary,³ born —; Jonathan,³ born —, 1663, who died soon; Jonathan³ again, born May 15, 1664; Ruth,³ born —; settled in Medfield and had Samuel,³ born —; and Joseph,³ born —. He died about 1690, aged 68.

6. JOHN,² born in England, —, 1624; married, in England, Ann —; settled in Concord in 1650; and about 1654 removed to West Cambridge, where he died in 1706, aged 85. His will is dated June 1, 1706.

7. JOSEPH,² born in England, —, 1626; remained on the original home-grant in Braintree; was a "malster" (brewer); admitted freeman, 1653; married, November 26, 1650, Abigail, daughter of Gregory Baxter, of Braintree; had Hannah,³ born November 30, 1652; Joseph,³ born December 24, 1654; John,³ born January 13, 1657, who died soon; Abigail,³ born February 27, 1659; John³ and Bethia,³ twins, born December 3, 1661; Mary,³ born October 9, 1663, who died soon; Samuel,³ born September 6, 1665; Mary³ again, born February 25, 1668; Peter,³ born February 7, 1670; Jonathan,³ born January 31, 1672; and Mehitable,³ baptized November 24, 1678. Joseph² was the great-grandfather of John Adams, second President of the United States (Joseph,² Joseph,³ John,⁴ *deacon*, John,⁵ *president*); he was also the great-grandfather of Samuel

Adams, of Revolutionary fame, signer of the Declaration of Independence, Governor of Massachusetts, etc. (Joseph,² John,³ *captain*, Samuel,⁴ Samuel,⁵ *the patriot*). The wife of Joseph² died August 27, 1692, and he died December 6, 1694. He was buried in the family burial-place at Braintree, now Quincy, Mass., and the words, "who lies here at his left hand," in the inscription on his father's monument, have reference to him.

8. EDWARD,² born in England, —, 1630; admitted freeman in 1654; married, first, Lydia —, second, Abigail Day, third, Sarah Taylor. He settled at Medfield, Mass., and was Selectman of that town for many years; was a Representative in the first two General Courts held in 1689, after the overthrow of Andros, and died November 12, 1716. He left a will, dated May 19, 1715, proved December 3, 1716, recorded in Probate Records of Suffolk County, Mass., in vol. xix. page 225. He had fourteen children, as follows, viz.: Lydia,³ born July 12, 1653; Jonathan,³ born April 4, 1655; John,³ born February 18, 1657; Eliashib,³ born February 18, 1659; Sarah,³ born May 29, 1660; James,³ born January 4, 1662; Henry,³ born October 29, 1663; Mehitable,³ born March 20, 1665; Elisha,³ born August 25, 1666; Edward,³ born June 28, 1668; Bethia,³ born April 12, 1671; Bethia³ again, born August 18, 1672;

Abigail,³ born January 25, 1675; and Miriam,³ born February 26, 1676.

9. URSULA,² daughter, born ——. The only information of her is that she is mentioned in her father's will, and was then living with him. She probably returned to England with her mother and brother, and never came back, as before stated.

II. THOMAS ADAMS.²

THOMAS ADAMS² (Henry¹) was born in England in 1612. His wife was Mary Blackmore. He was admitted freeman May 10, 1643; member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, 1644, and was a lieutenant. He settled in Concord, Mass., with his brothers Samuel² and John,² and bought lands there. In 1654 he and his brother Samuel² sold their landed interest in Concord to Samuel Stratton, having previously petitioned for a new town, which was granted, and in which they shortly after settled and called Chelmsford. He and his brother Samuel² built the first mill in the town of Chelmsford, which was on the present site of the city of Lowell, and, with others, the first church and school-house in that town.

* See Appendix, Note II.

† " " " III.

Thomas² was for some years Town Clerk of Chelmsford, was Selectman, Justice of the Peace, and Representative in the General Court at its second session in 1673. He died July 20, 1688, aged 76; and his will, which was made the same year and is recorded in Middlesex Probate, vol. vii. page 101, mentions his children, with the exception of the fifth, seventh, eighth, and ninth, who had probably previously died.

His widow, Mary, died in Charlestown, March 23, 1694, aged 82. The *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* says:

“ The following memorandum contains honorable mention of the two sons of Henry Adams,¹ who settled at Chelmsford, Mass. It is copied from a small slip of paper among the Court files at East Cambridge. ‘To the honorable court assembled at Cambridge: These may inform that Capt. Samuel Adams, Thomas Adams, and Mr. John Webb are chosen (sic) Commissioners for the Court of Chelmsford for the year 67 (1667), and John Fisk is chosen constable.

“ ‘ Chelmsford, 19: 1: 66-7. Attest John Barit.’ ”

CHILDREN OF THOMAS.²

1. MARY,³ born July 24, 1643; married — Cooper.
2. Jonathan,³ born March 6, 1645-6. (See No. III.)
3. PELATIAH,³ twin brother of Jonathan; married Ruth —.

4. TIMOTHY,³ born April 2, 1648; married Mary ——; died July 1, 1708.

5. GEORGE,³ born May 29, 1650; probably died unmarried.

6. SAMUEL,³ born ——; married Mary ——. He moved to Charlestown, and Wyman's *Genealogies and Estates of Charlestown* has the following in regard to him:

“Samuel Adams,³ son of Thomas,² mill-wright, moved from Charlestown to Canterbury, Conn.; married Mary ——.

“Issue: first, Susannah,⁴ born March 13, 1692-3; second, Katherine,⁴ born May 27, 1695 (both born in Chelmsford); more at Canterbury.”

Samuel³ was a land dealer as well as mill-wright, and was a man of considerable consequence in Canterbury. His wife, Mary, died March 28, 1718, and he, November 26, 1727.

7. EDITH,³ born ——, 1656; probably died unmarried.

8. THOMAS,³ born July 23, 1660; died in infancy (November 30, 1660).

9. SUSANNAH,³ born ——; baptized March 3, 1660; probably died young.

10. THOMAS,³ born ——, 1675; married Judith ——; they both died in Dunstable, Mass. (now N. H.)—he,

February 18, 1746, aged 71, and she, April 15, 1754, aged 74. He was the great-grandfather of Alvin Adams, the founder of the *Adams Express Company*.

According to Savage's *Genealogical Dictionary*, the eldest four sons of Thomas Adams² were living in Chelmsford in 1692.

III. JONATHAN ADAMS.³

JONATHAN ADAMS³ (Thomas,² Henry¹) was born in Concord, Mass., March 6, 1645-6, and married, August 29, 1681, Leah, twin daughter of Francis and Rose Gould of Chelmsford. He died in Chelmsford, November 5, 1712. Nothing relating to his history has been found on record.

CHILDREN OF JONATHAN.³

1. EDITH,⁴ born December 11, 1683; married Jacob Powers of Littleton, Mass.
2. LYDIA,⁴ born April 2, 1691; married, August 6, 1713, Thomas Robbins.
3. ABIGAL,⁴ born November 9, 1693.

* See Appendix, Note IV.

4. JONATHAN,⁴ born March 21, 1695.
5. David,⁴ born March 29, 1699. (See No. IV.)

IV. DAVID ADAMS.⁴

DAVID ADAMS⁴ (Jonathan,³ Thomas,² Henry¹) was born in Chelmsford, Mass., March 29, 1699, and was but little over twelve years of age when his father died. He removed to Canterbury, Conn., probably with his Uncle Samuel³ (see II., 6), and there married, August 27, 1723, Dorcas, daughter of Elisha and Rebecca [Doane] Payne, who was born in Eastham, Mass., February 20, 1699-1700. (See Payne Family Records, vol. ii. pages 47 and 162, for her lineage.)

David⁴ died in Canterbury, August 29, 1753, his wife having previously died, March 3, 1745-6.

CHILDREN OF DAVID.⁴

1. JONATHAN,⁵ born May 25, 1724; married, December 27, 1745, Desire Ashcroft.
2. DAVID,⁵ born ——; married, September 30, 1746, Sarah Jackson.
3. Levi,⁵ born ——, 1728. (See No. V.)

* See Appendix, Note V.

4. ABEL,⁵ born January 5, 1730; a physician.
5. ELISHA,⁵ born July 5, 1733.
6. DORCAS,⁵ born June 5, 1735.
7. LEAH,⁵ born August 18, 1738.
8. REBECCA,⁵ born August 6, 1742.

V. LEVI ADAMS.⁵

LEVI ADAMS⁵ (David,⁴ Jonathan,³ Thomas,² Henry¹) was born —, 1728, in Canterbury, Conn.; was baptized in the church of "Newent Society," in the town of Lisbon, New London County, Conn., November 18, 1728; married in Canterbury, December 26, 1751, Margaret Perkins, who was born July —, 1729.

He continued to live in Canterbury until about 1782, with the exception of two years, 1753-5, during which time he resided in Dutchess County, N. Y. He and three of his sons, Levi, David, and John, were soldiers in the Revolutionary army, and he was in the battle of New London, as a volunteer, September 6, 1781, when that place was attacked by Arnold. He was a carpenter, and taught that trade to his eldest four sons. About the year 1782, he with the remainder of his family moved to Pawlet, Vermont, whither several

of his children had preceded him. In 1811 he removed to Otsego County, N. Y., and resided in the town of Hartwick, where he died in 1816, aged 88. His wife, Margaret, died in Hartford, Washington County, N. Y., from the effect of an accident, June 26, 1829, aged 99 years and 11 months.

CHILDREN OF LEVI.⁵

1. LUCY,⁶ born in Canterbury, March 23, 1752; moved to Pawlet, Vt., about 1782; married Jordan Dodge, a Baptist minister; had children,—Joel, Peter, Jordan, Nancy, Lucy, John, and Didamia. She died many years since.

2. LEVI,⁶ born February 17, 1754, in a village then called Oswego, in Dutchess County, N. Y.; married, in Canterbury, August 9, 1772, Hannah Pettingall; had children,—Ezra,⁷ born November 22, 1772; Lucy,⁷ born May 23, 1775, both born in Canterbury; and Levi,⁷ John,⁷ and Harvey,⁷ born either in Canterbury, Pawlet, or Milford. He was a carpenter by trade, was a soldier in the Revolutionary army, 1776-8; moved from Canterbury to Pawlet, Vt., in 1780; removed to Milford, Otsego County, N. Y., in 1794; and in 1826 again moved to Ripley, Chautauqua County, N. Y., since which time nothing is known of him.

3. DAVID,⁶ born in Canterbury, March 22, 1756; married Abigail Carver in Canterbury, May 1, 1777; was a carpenter, was a soldier in the Revolutionary army, 1780-1782, moved to Pawlet, Vt., about 1782, and thence, in 1793, to Westford, Otsego County, N. Y., where he was living in 1820. His children were a son, Dyer,⁷ and two daughters whose names are not ascertained.

4. MARGARET,⁶ born in Canterbury, December 20, 1758; died March 14, 1759.

5. MARGARET⁶ again, born in Canterbury, January 16, 1760; died young and unmarried.

6. JOHN,⁶ born in Canterbury, December 15, 1762; was a soldier in the Revolutionary army, 1780-1782, and was on duty as guard, at the scaffold, at the execution of André, October 2, 1780; was a carpenter. He moved from Canterbury to Pawlet, Vt., about 1782, and in 1811 removed to Vergennes, Vt., thence to St. Albans, Vt., and thence to Barton, Vt., where he died in 1857, aged 94.

He had but one child, a son, Frederick Whiting,⁷ who was a distinguished surgeon, lived at Montpelier, Vt., and died there, December 17, 1859, aged 71.

7. JOANNA,⁶ born in Canterbury, August 4, 1764; moved to Pawlet about 1780, and married Daniel Roth.

8. Asahel,⁶ born June 20, 1766. (See No. VI.)

9. ASENATH,⁶ born in Canterbury, March 11, 1769; died young and unmarried.

10. LYDIA,⁶ born in Canterbury, May 14, 1771; moved to Pawlet, Vt., about 1782; married Joseph Taylor, of Hartford, Washington County, N. Y., September 9, 1792; died in Hartford, January 27, 1838.

She had children as follows, viz.: John Adams, born April 25, 1794; Hannah, born May 12, 1796; David Adams, born May 25, 1798; Daniel Olmstead, twin to David; Nancy, born May 12, 1800; Betsey, born June 13, 1803; Asenath, born February 21, 1805; and Lucy, born November 28, 1808.

11. WILLIAM,⁶ born in Canterbury, February 8, 1774; moved to Pawlet, Vt., about 1782, and thence, in 1793, to Hartwick, Otsego County, N. Y., where he lived until 1826, when he removed to Buffalo, N. Y., since which time nothing is known of him. He married Freelo —, and had children as follows, viz.: Lydia,⁷ Studley,⁷ Elsie,⁷ Lucy,⁷ and a son whose name is not known.

12. There was one other child born to Levi⁵ and Margaret, but this fact is all that has been ascertained.

VI. ASAHEL ADAMS.⁶

A SAHEL ADAMS⁶ (Levi,⁵ David,⁴ Jonathan,³ Thomas,² Henry¹) was born in Canterbury, Conn., June 20, 1766; was a carpenter by trade; moved to Pawlet, Vt., about 1782, where, October 10, 1790, he married Esther Peck, who was born in Norwich, Conn., August 6, 1766. In 1793 he removed to Otsego County, N. Y., and bought or rented a farm of Judge Cooper, father of J. Fenimore Cooper, the novelist. In 1800 he moved to the town of Scipio, Cayuga County, N. Y., and thence, in 1823, to Lyons, N. Y., where he died, September 14, 1828. His wife, Esther, died in Scipio, August 19, 1823.

CHILDREN OF ASAHEL.⁶

1. BENJAMIN CHAPMAN,⁷ born in Pawlet, Vt., June 24, 1791; married first, Amy Rosetta Seaman, November 18, 1812, who died, November 7, 1815; second, Laura Smith, January 30, 1817, who died November 28, 1831; and third, Alma [Dodge] Forsyth, August 1, 1833, who died July 4, 1863. He resided for many years in Genesee County, N. Y.; removed thence to Beloit, Wisconsin, where he died, June 4, 1861. He had children as follows, viz.: Esther,⁸ born October 25, 1814, died

August 25, 1815; Julia Ann,⁸ born October 30, 1817; William Perkins,⁸ born October 22, 1820; George Benjamin,⁸ born January 17, 1823, died September 18, 1824; George Smith,⁸ born April 17, 1825, died February 19, 1826; John Henry,⁸ born June 24, 1827; Laura Eliza,⁸ born May 10, 1831, died September 19, 1831; and Mary Eliza,⁸ born October 27, 1834.

2. JAMES HARVEY,⁷ born in Pawlet, Vt., May 9, 1793; moved to Otsego County, N. Y., in 1793, thence to Buffalo, N. Y.; married Rosanna House, December 19, 1824, and had children as follows, viz.: Frederick House,⁸ born November 8, 1825; Esther Eliza,⁸ born August 30, 1829; Clamira,⁸ born January 31, 1831; Benjamin Chapman,⁸ born ——; and John Hebbard,⁸ born December 20, 1834.

James Harvey⁷ died in Buffalo, N. Y., November 23, 1841.

3. John,⁷ born September 19, 1794. (See No. VII.)

4. WILLIAM PERKINS,⁷ born in Pittsfield, Otsego County, N. Y., June 27, 1797; died June 2, 1817.

5. DAVID P.,⁷ born in Pittsfield, Otsego County, N. Y., August 13, 1799; moved to Lyons, N. Y., in 1822; was a jeweler, afterwards a grocer; married in Lyons, January 1, 1826, Hannah Perrine; removed in 1836 to Tompkins, Jackson County, Michigan, where he died February 27, 1879. He had children as follows, viz.:

George Perrine,⁸ born December 23, 1826; Helen,⁸ born March 3, 1830; William Henry,⁸ born September 8, 1832; Ellen,⁸ born January 16, 1834; and Jane A.,⁸ born February 11, 1838.

6. DANIEL PECK,⁷ born in the town of Scipio, Cayuga County, N. Y., September 12, 1801; moved to Batavia, N. Y.; married, December 17, 1829, Maria Seaver, who was born in Sunderland, Vt., October 27, 1801, and died in Buffalo, N. Y., March 6, 1880. Daniel⁷ was a printer, resided many years in Buffalo, and died in Batavia, February 29, 1872. He had children as follows, viz.: Augustus Everett,⁸ born March 5, 1832, died December 29, 1836; William Henry,⁸ born January 28, 1835; Helen Maria,⁸ born September 26, 1837, died May 30, 1846; and Augustus Everett⁸ again, born February 4, 1843.

7. HIRAM,⁷ born in Scipio, N. Y., September 8, 1803; died July 10, 1806.

8. ELIZA L.,⁷ born in Scipio, N. Y., September 8, 1805; married at Lyons, N. Y., March 4, 1823, Henry Knowles Avery; had children as follows, viz.: Charles H., Helen E., Caroline L., and John A., and died in Beloit, Wisconsin, June 16, 1881.

VII. JOHN ADAMS.⁷

JOHN ADAMS⁷ (Asahel,⁶ Levi,⁵ David,⁴ Jonathan,³ Thomas,² Henry¹) was born in the town of Burlington, Otsego County, N. Y., September 19, 1794; moved to Scipio, Cayuga County, N. Y., about 1800; removed to Canandaigua, Ontario County, N. Y., in 1815, and there married, February 20, 1819, Rebecca Bemis Hamilton, daughter of Dr. Samuel Hamilton, of Manchester, N. Y. She was born in Keene, New Hampshire, June 16, 1798, and died December 5, 1864.

In 1820 John⁷ removed to Lyons, Wayne County, N. Y., and began business as a merchant. He filled various offices of trust; was Collector of Canal Tolls for seventeen successive years from the completion of the Erie Canal; was Supervisor of the town of Lyons for the years 1839, 1840, and 1857; was elected County Treasurer of Wayne County in 1857, and again in 1860. He died in Canandaigua, N. Y., while on a visit, June 13, 1862.

CHILDREN OF JOHN.⁷

1. CATHARINE PALMER,⁸ born in Manchester, Ontario County, N. Y., June 5, 1820; married, December 26, 1846, George W. Bemis, of Canandaigua, N. Y., and had children as follows, viz.: Emily Adams, born

January 9, 1851; James Draper, born July 30, 1853; and John Adams, born May 25, 1856. She died in Canandaigua, September 13, 1877.

2. EMILY WARD,⁸ born in Lyons, N. Y., May 28, 1822; married, June 11, 1846, the Hon. James C. Smith, now one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New-York. She resides in Canandaigua, and her children are as follows, viz.: Kate Adams, born June 26, 1847; Edmund Hamilton, born August 27, 1848; Arthur Coslett, born January 19, 1851; Alice Laura, born November 9, 1853; James Coslett, Jr., born March 23, 1857; and Emily James, born April 15, 1865.

3. John Hamilton,⁸ born November 12, 1824. (See No. VIII.)

4. LAURA BEMIS,⁸ born in Lyons, N. Y., July 29, 1830, and died in Canandaigua, N. Y., August 18, 1875.

5. REBECCA MEHETABLE,⁸ born in Lyons, N. Y., December 1, 1832; married, December 30, 1856, Alexander McElroy, and had children, as follows, viz.: Margaret Hamilton, born June 13, 1858; Georgia Lewis, born March 18, 1862; James Adams, born September 15, 1864; and Grace Alexander, born July 22, 1870. Rebecca⁸ died in Canandaigua, N. Y., October 29, 1874.

6. ELIZA CLARK,⁸ born in Lyons, N. Y., December 5, 1834; married, October 31, 1860, the Rev. George Seymour Lewis, who died, August 1, 1861. She resides in Albany, N. Y., and has no children.

7. WILLIAM HENRY,⁸ born in Lyons, N. Y., March 27, 1841; was a captain in the Ninety-eighth Regiment, New-York Volunteers, in the War of the Rebellion; married, in Canandaigua, N. Y., September 27, 1865, Charlotte Lewis, daughter of the Hon. Elbridge G. Lapham; is a lawyer, and now resides in Canandaigua. His children are as follows, viz.: Elbridge Lapham,⁹ born September 17, 1866; Lewis Hamilton,⁹ born October 14, 1869; and Katharine Frances,⁹ born November 6, 1882.

VIII. JOHN HAMILTON ADAMS.⁸

JOHN HAMILTON ADAMS⁸ (John,⁷ Asahel,⁶ Levi,⁵ David,⁴ Jonathan,³ Thomas,² Henry¹) was born in Lyons, N. Y., November 12, 1824; married, in Aurora, Cayuga County, N. Y., November 11, 1847, Sophia Adaline, daughter of Seneca Wood; lived in Lyons, N. Y., until 1857, when he moved to Rochester, N. Y., where he now resides.

* See Appendix, Note VI.

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CHILDREN OF JOHN HAMILTON.⁸

1. **Walter Wood**,⁹ born August 22, 1848. (See No. IX.)

2. **CHARLES HAMILTON**,⁹ born in Lyons, N. Y., February 2, 1851, and died, August 3, 1852.

IX. WALTER WOOD ADAMS.⁹

WALTER WOOD ADAMS⁹ (John Hamilton,⁸ John,⁷ Asahel,⁶ Levi,⁵ David,⁴ Jonathan,³ Thomas,² Henry¹) was born in Lyons, N. Y., August 22, 1848; moved to Rochester, N. Y., in 1857, and thence to the city of New-York in 1880, where he married, May 17, 1882, Harriette Augusta, daughter of the Hon. Thomas Hillhouse. He is a lawyer, now resides in the city of New-York, and has one child, a son, Phineas Hillhouse,¹⁰ born May 1, 1883.

APPENDIX

BY WALTER WOOD ADAMS

NOTE I.—Mr. Andrew N. Adams, in the introduction to his *Adams History*, says that Henry Adams¹ came to America in 1632.

NOTE II.—Thomas Adams² and Mary Blackmore were married at Braintree in 1642.

NOTE III.—Thomas Adams³ served as a soldier in King Philip's War, and in 1678 was Ensign, and in 1682 Lieutenant, of the Chelmsford Foot Company.

NOTE IV.—Leah Gould, wife of Jonathan Adams,⁴ died in 1718.

NOTE V.—Elisha Payne was the son of Thomas Payne and his wife, Mary Snow. She was the daughter of Nicholas Snow and his wife, Constance Hopkins, who was the daughter of Stephen Hopkins, one of the *Mayflower* Pilgrims in 1620.

See *The Doane Family*, p. 39, and Davis's *Landmarks of Plymouth*, Part II., p. 145.

NOTE VI.—William Henry Adams⁵ was a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, having been first appointed and afterwards twice elected to that office.

He died at Canandaigua, N. Y., Oct. 12, 1903.

NOTE VII.—Sophia Adaline Wood,⁶ wife of John Hamilton Adams,⁷ was the daughter of Seneca Wood of Aurora, Cayuga County, N. Y., born March 11, 1791, died March 12, 1859, and his wife, Sophia Adaline Burnham,⁸ born at Shaftsbury, Vt., April 15, 1797, married in Aurora, June 6, 1816, and died in Aurora, January 6, 1840.

She, Sophia Adaline Wood,⁸ was born at Auburn, N. Y., March 27, 1827, and died at Rochester, N. Y., May 11, 1900. She was descended from Robert Burnham¹ and his wife, Mary Andrews, of Norwich, Norfolk County, England, through their son Thomas.²

See *Burnham Pedigree*, annexed.

Thomas,³ born in 1619, or, according to some authorities, in 1623, came to America with his brothers John and Robert in 1635, in the ship *Angel Gabriel*, of which their maternal uncle, Captain Andrews, was master; and, after suffering shipwreck on the coast of Maine, settled in Chebacco (Ipswich), in the Colony of Massachusetts Bay, in 1636.

He served in the Pequot War in 1636 or 1637, and afterwards in King Philip's War in 1675. In 1664 he was Sergeant of the Ipswich Foot Company, in 1675 its Ensign, and in 1683 its Lieutenant.

He was Selectman in 1647, and Deputy to the General Court in 1683-4-5. In 1645 he married Mary Tuttle, daughter, born in about 1624, of John Tuttle and his wife, Joan——, who came to America, probably from Hertfordshire, England.

Thomas Burnham⁴ died May 19, 1694, and his wife, Mary Tuttle, died March 17, 1715.

The Burnhams of Ipswich, Mass., and Norwich, Conn., are largely of his lineage, and many of his descendants have been identified with Colonial and State activities. His son, Thomas,⁵ was Lieutenant of the Ipswich Foot Company, in 1702; his great-grandson, Eleazer,⁶ served in the French and Indian War of 1757; and his great-great-grandson, Asa,⁶ was a soldier in the American Revolution.

The latter's tombstone, erected by his son Eleazer in the cemetery at Aurora, Cayuga County, N. Y., where he resided at the time of his death, bears the following inscriptions:

Major Asa Burnham	In Memory of	
Born 28 August, 1753	Lucy, wife of Asa Burnham	
Died 1 January, 1846	Born 26 February, 1757	
	Died 31 August, 1828	

NOTE VIII.—John Hamilton Adams⁸ died at Rochester, N. Y., March 4, 1898.

BURNHAM PEDIGREE *

Robert Burnham¹ m. Mary Andrews

John Thomas² Robert
m. Mary Tuttle

Thomas³ John. James. Mary. Johanna. Abigail. Ruth. Ruth. Joseph. Nathaniel. Sarah. Esther
m., first, Lydia Pingree, and second, Hester Bishop †

Thomas. Phoebe. Moses. Job. Lydia. Aaron. Eleazer.⁴ Abigail. Nathaniel. Mary. James. Susannah. Thomas. Benjamin. Joseph. Elizabeth
m. Lydia Waterman

Lydia. Elizabeth. Mary. Daniel. Sarah. Eleazer⁵
m. Mary Norman

Asa.⁶ Joshua. Joshua. Samuel
m. Lucy Huntington

Eleazer. Rebecca. Julia Ann. Polly. Asa N. Lucy. Sophia Adaline.⁷ Charlotte Maria
m. Seneca Wood

Caroline Matilda. Sophia Adaline⁸
m. John Hamilton Adams

Walter Wood.⁹ Charles Hamilton
m. Harriette Augusta Hillhouse

Phincas Hillhouse¹⁰

* Compiled by Gordon Lester Ford, Paul Leicester Ford and Walter Wood Adams.

† The last five children of Thomas³ were by his second wife, Hester Bishop.



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